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### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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September 14, 2016

Jesse Nielsen  
Willow Creek Salt Inc.  
P.O. Box 305  
Redmond, Utah 89652

Subject: Permit to Commence Small Mine Activities, Willow Creek Salt Inc., Willow Creek Salt Mine, S/041/0042, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining finds your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Notice) complete and approves the reclamation surety in the amount of \$7,700.00 for the Willow Creek Salt mine. The surety is escalated until 2021 and is for three acres to be disturbed at any one time. You are now permitted to conduct mining activities as outlined in the Notice provided you have approval from all other appropriate agencies. The approval or acceptance of a complete notice of intention does not relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the operator's mining operations. Enclosed please find a copy of the reclamation contract and stamped complete Notice.

Please keep in mind the following regulatory requirements:

- Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning activities **is required by rule**, and will help ensure successful revegetation. A variance from this requirement requires specific approval from the Division. Even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory surety release.
- If you encounter any archaeological or historical items, you are asked to notify this office and the Division of State History.
- Permit fees and annual reports are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.





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The Division's web page at <http://ogm.utah.gov> under the Mining Program has a link to the rules under which you are expected to operate and to other information to assist you in complying with program requirements. Thank you for your cooperation.

In reply, please refer to file number S/041/0042. Please contact Peter Brinton at 801-538-5258 or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns regarding this action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Dean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dana Dean, P.E.  
Associate Director, Mining

DD:pnb:eb  
Enclosure: Copy of RC & surety forms  
Copy of complete NOI  
cc: Gerry Poulson, landowner; 4295 S. 4625 W., West Valley, Utah 84120  
Cynthia Nielson, Sevier County  
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